

2/1/94? Report: Det. Sgt. Mike Knoop, Minot, ND

Dear Maury,

Well, after the holidays and all I finally made contact w/Darlene and we had coffee and discussed our adventure. I didn't tape anything as we were in a restaurant and I just wanted to break the ice w/her to begin with.

Darlene stated that she and Carr didn't have too much in common and did not get along at all. However, Tom Taylor & Carr were real close. When I asked about her meeting David in Minot, she stated that she didn't know it at first but later on somebody told her that this was Berkowitz. She stated that she had done to the Falcon's Nest and in the office was a small candle or lamp of some sort on a table, just giving off a little bit of light. As she entered the room, several people leaned backwards so that they weren't to be seen. She didn't know who these were, but felt that one of them might be David. Darlene said that she & Taylor were fighting quite a bit and that on more than one time he would take off for several days or a week without her knowing where he had gone. He never did tell her but she figured that he was out in some drug circle someplace.

I questioned her about some of their contacts and she said that there was a farm someplace north of the base, not being sure of the exact location she stated that she thought it might be 50 miles north of town, which would put it about 35-40 miles north of the base. This would be in another county.

When I asked about Taylor and Carr going on any trips anywhere, she stated that they were going to help somebody move from the base to Texas and originally, she was to go with, but as usual plans changed and she wasn't allowed to go with. They were gone for about a week. At this time, she doesn't recall who the people were who moved to Texas or where they went, but that was the story which was given to her by Taylor. I didn't ask if she knew the dates such as in relation to Carr's discharge or if he was still on active duty.

I questioned her about Naysmith but she didn't seem to recall the name. She told me that there were several people who she met and either didn't recall the names or were just introduced by first names. She seemed to be interested in what David was talking about.

We talked about Phil Falcon for a while and she questioned whether or not he was still alive. When the segment was aired about Phil coming home and finding two guys in the kitchen doing some rituals, she stated that if there was something like that to be done, Phil was in the middle of it, if not starting it. She said that she hasn't heard if he is alive or not.

Carr had brought a pound of cocaine to Minot on one trip and brought it to her apartment which she was sharing w/Taylor. Taylor was always forgetting to report in to his probation officer and subsequently took off back to Hawaii. Darlene put all of his stuff into storage, but some of it was ripped off by the rest of the dopers and the rest was sold to pay off the bills which he had left Darlene with. He had a motorcycle which was stored at her place, sold it for a gram of coke. She thinks that

he might have some songbooks left, not his writings but those of other musicians. If she can find some of his stuff, she will let me know.

At this time, there isn't much more that she can recall about this matter, however – I did have the feeling that she was being cagey with me. I think she recalls more than she lets on but in the near future we will have the opportunity to get together again and maybe she will break down with a little more info.

I did ask about her meeting David or Michael Carr or their sister, but she said that the only time she recalled meeting Michael was when they had gone to the funeral in New York. They were broke and Taylor was having a guilt trip about his broken relationship with John Carr. She borrowed the money from her parents and the two of them went to NY. She stayed in the motel at the time of the funeral because of a big fight which she and Taylor got into. After the funeral they were to go to the Carr's for supper, but Taylor never returned right away and when he did get back, he was really drunk and started breaking up the motel room. She called for the Carrs and got the answering business. She finally received a call from Michael and she explained the problems. Carr came over right away and sent her to the bar with an open tab. She checked back once in a while at the room and Michael would motion for her to go away. She would go back to the bar and talk to the bartender. This went on for several hours and then back to the room. Michael left and everything seemed to be alright at that time. She never received a bill for the room damage which she thought would have been about a thousand dollars with mirrors, chairs, tables, etc. being broken. Darlene thinks that Michael took care of the tab. They came back to Minot the next day and that was the last she heard from Carr and his family.

Well, I hope that this has shed a little light on the situation and if you can think of any other questions to have me ask her, please let me know. I didn't have any notes or questions written out to ask her as I just wanted to keep this thing pretty informal to begin with.

Take care,

Mike